MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Am I to understand that a particular number of books is allotted for distribution to the distinguished scholars ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes ; besides the copies allotted for distribution to the distinguished scholars, the Curator is given a few copies for his personal use.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I take it that he can even sell those free copies of his ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : He may distribute them as he likes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Is there any purpose in giving more than one copy for his personal use ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

Waiting room for vakils in the Kottayam District Court.

326. **MR. K. C. CHANDI** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that there is no accommodation in the Kottayam District Court buildings for the vakils of that court to be used as a common room ;

(*b*) whether the necessity for such a room has been brought to the notice of the Government or the High Court at any time ;

(*c*) whether provision was made for the same in any year, and, if so, why the work was not taken up ;

(*d*) whether they propose to provide the vakils of the said court with such a room ; and

(*e*) whether there is any other District Court in the State having no such common room ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) A sum of Rs. 350 was provided for the purpose in 1104, but that amount had to be re-appropriated towards expenditure for repairing the roof of the District Court buildings, Kottayam.

(*d*) Yes. The Chief Engineer has been asked to arrange for a temporary shed being erected for the use of the vakils.

(*e*) Yes ; the District Courts of Alleppey and Parur.

MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : When was the necessity for the room brought to the notice of the Government ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) In June 1929.

MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : By whom ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : By the High Court.

MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : With reference to part (*c*), may I know why provision was not made in subsequent years ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The question was being considered whether a pucca building should be constructed, or only a temporary shed, for the vakils of the Kottayam District Court.

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MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : With reference to part (*b*), is it proposed to put up the temporary shed during the course of 1108 ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : If there is provision in the Budget it will be done.

MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : I do not find provision for it in the Budget. That is why I now ask the question.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : If it would mean only a small amount it could be diverted from other items.

Damage caused by the opening of the sluice at the Periyar dam.

327. MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*) :

(1) Are the Government aware :

(*a*) that, during high floods, the sluice at the Periyar dam is opened ; and

(*b*) that such opening occasions harm and inconvenience to the residents on either side of the Periyar river and to the several inhabitants of the Parur taluk ?

(2) Will they be pleased to state whether they have made any arrangements to compensate for the damage caused to the people referred to in part (1) (*b*) ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (1) (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) High floods in the Periyar river must necessarily be liable, in certain circumstances, to cause harm and inconvenience to riparian owners and to those whose lands are flooded by such floods.

(2) The answer is in the negative.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*) : Part (*b*) of my question is "that such opening" (of the sluice) "occasions harm and inconvenience to the residents on either side of the Periyar river....." ; but the answer relates to damages caused by high floods.

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The sluice is opened only during high floods to moderate the floods. Some damage is inevitable during high floods.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM *Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): But, does not the member realise that the opening of the sluice causes damage to the lands lower down on either side of the river.

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Damage lower down the river is inevitable when there is high floods in the source.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*) : Will not the opening of the sluice cause additional damage to the regions lower down ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : I do not think any additional damage is likely.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*) : Is it not natural that, if the sluice is opened, the regions lower down would get flooded to a greater extent than they would be if the sluice is not opened

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